



Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

The mission of Prattville First Methodist Church is to develop faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who passionately worship, generously serve, and unselfishly love, all for the glory of God.

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Chiming of the Trinity

The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Prelude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Hamlin

Introit

This is the Day the Lord Has Made

Chancel Choir

arr. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Larry Patton

†Processional Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once he all doth save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
3. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

†Call to Worship:

April Jones

Leader: Rejoice, heavenly power! Sing, Choirs of Angels!

People: **Jesus Christ, our King, is alive!**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Our Lord is Risen indeed!**

All: **Alleluia!**

†Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy this day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised more and more from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, now and forever. Amen.

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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†Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

Meineke

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with the peace and love of Christ.

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

Faith Patton

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Your tithes and offerings financially support the vibrant mission and ministries of PFMC. Thank you! The central part of worship is to consecrate each gift for the Lord. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to Christ, the church, and growing His Kingdom.

Anthem

I Bowed on My Knees

Chancel Choir

arr. Kirkland

†Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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†Prayer of Consecration

Jeremy Pyles

Gracious God, we give because you first gave to us Life, Resurrection, Hope, and Love. Fulfill our joy as we share in the work of your church on earth. Amen.

Children's Moment

Stacey Lewis, Director of Children's Ministries

Children will return to their seats after the Children's Moment to worship with their families. Special Easter quiet bags are available in the Narthex for all children to use during the service and take home!

Scripture

Matthew 28: 1 - 10

N.T. 26

Sermon

"Second Chance"

Rev. Larry Patton

†Hymn of Response

Low in the Grave He Lay

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1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain: **Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior; vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

†Choral Benediction

Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah

Chancel Choir

G.F. Handel

†Benediction

Guest Information

Thank you for joining us for worship! Prattville First Methodist Church is a vibrant, caring, and active community of faith. We are committed to making Disciples of Jesus Christ who make an impact on our community and world by sharing Christ's love through worship, spiritual growth, service, and outreach. We offer a traditional worship service in our sanctuary each Sunday morning at 8:30am and 11:00am.

Nursery and Children's Worship

A nursery is available for children ages 6 and younger in Epworth 107. Children will return to their seats after the Children's Moment to worship with their families. For your convenience, a diaper changing table is located in the parlor. Members of the Hospitality team are located at the rear of the sanctuary to assist you.

Announcements

ManMaker Conference April 11, 8am-Noon in Pratt Hall

All men are invited and encouraged to join us for an inspirational morning of breakfast, fellowship and learning led by Dr. John Ed Mathison. No charge and no registration required. Invite a friend!

Wednesday Night Spring Studies begin April 8

1) **The Psalms: A confidence for all seasons**, led by Pastor Larry. Wesley 203, 6pm. This is a continuation of the Psalms study that met before Lent. Everyone invited. No book necessary--just bring your Bible. (3 weeks only)

2) **The Screwtape Letters**, led by Faith Patton. Wesley 105, 6pm Wednesdays, 10am Thursdays. Three weeks only. You will need to purchase the book... (we have 6 copies in the church office. \$18 each, first-come-first-serve!) For April 8, read Letters 1,2,4,6 & 7.

Wednesday Dinner Menu for April 8th

Chicken Divan, Rice, Roasted Carrots, Salad Bar and Chocolate Cake
Kids option: Chicken Tenders and Tater Tots

Confirmation Sunday is April 12th

Our Confirmands will be recognized at the 8:30 service and confirmed at the 11:00 service. Join us for a reception between the services to congratulate them.

Senior Sunday is May 17

Parents, if you have a senior and would like for them to be recognized, please register online. [Deadline is April 10th](#). Contact Hunter Taylor with any questions.

New PFMC Prayer Concerns

Church Family: Pam Baxter, Janet Chambers, Gayle Myers

Extended Family: Rob Gaston, Pam Marshall

The family of Bobby Chambliss and Cheryl Myers would like to thank the Staff and Church Family for their prayers, love and support during the sickness and death of our mom, Betty Ann Chambliss.

Orchestra

French Horn: Adam French

Trumpet: Chris King, Ken Lantz

Trombone: Ted Mann

Tuba: Sean Handerhan

Percussion: Russell Mann, Sandra Bennett

Serving in Worship

Rev. Larry Patton, Senior Pastor

Jeremy Pyles, Director of Music Ministries Charlotte Nichols, Organist Christy Henson, Pianist

8:30am - Crucifer: Rachel Palmer Acolytes: Bennett Petrunic and Nancy Currier

11:00am - Crucifer: Reid Berch Acolytes: Isabella Berch and Brooks Baxley

Special thanks to our altar guild for their faithful service during Holy Week and Easter.